

**After  
Agenda**

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County  
Special Called Meeting  
Thursday, February 18, 2016  
9:00 AM  
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex  
119 E. Solomon Street**

**The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Thursday, February 18, 2016, beginning at 9:04 a.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller, Raymond Ray and Donald Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Gwen Flowers-Taylor was absent from the meeting. Also present County Manager, William P. Wilson, Jr., County Attorney, Stephanie Windham for James Fortune and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** by Chairperson Rita Johnson.
- B. INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- C. PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Bart Miller.
- D. AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider approval of a Resolution to Implement a 1% Sales and Use Tax to provide for the sale of \$8,800,000 Spalding County, Georgia General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, the approval of a form of such Bonds, the naming of a paying agent, the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, the authorization of the execution and delivery of a custodial agreement, bond purchase agreement and continuing disclosure certificate relating to such bonds and for other purposes.

Mr. Wilson stated that we had a good day yesterday and Todd Barnes of Raymond James is here to tell us about the bonds that we sold yesterday.

Todd Barnes, Managing Director, Raymond James, stated that we did have a good sale in the marketplace yesterday and he provided everyone with a handout to summarize what was done. Mr. Barnes stated that they sold the \$8.8 million dollars in Bonds that was authorized in the referendum.

He pointed out that yield rate at which the bonds were sold is 1.20%. He added that this interest rate is within two points of the lows that were experienced in 2012 which matched the historical lows from 1965 in the Bond Markets. When you combine that with the fact that you were selling bonds that will mature in six years (2022) puts you on the short end of the scale which further indicates that you are getting very, very low rates which is to the County's advantage.

Mr. Barnes then advised that due to the investors paying more than 100% of the dollar amount of the bonds in order to protect their investments in case of a rise in interest rates, they sold \$8.8 million in bonds which generated \$9.8 million

in proceeds for the County to work with. Closing will take place on March 1 and they will wire \$6.5 million into the County's project fund and they will send wires to each of the banks holding the debt service to be paid off by SPLOST funds.

Mr. Barnes then covered the debt service schedule which is structured to pay interest only in the first few years in order to provide more dollars from the sales tax to do the pay as you go projects. Principle and interest will be paid on the bonds in the last three years of the program.

Mr. Barnes again stated it was a really good sale, with a wide variety of buyers, there were approximately 25 investors that purchased the bonds which included a mix of banks, individuals and money managers who are buying on behalf of individuals. All of the bonds were sold. He advised that if all of the paperwork is approved today and the necessary signatures are obtained, a closing will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

U.S. Bank is being named as the custodian of the funds, so as the SPLOST funds come in they will be depositing the money into the different accounts for the County, the City of Griffin, Sunny Side and Orchard Hill. Sunny Side and Orchard Hill are scheduled to get their total SPLOST funds in the first two months to complete their projects, the remaining funds will be distributed between Spalding County and the City of Griffin until the \$50.4 million is reached, then anything in excess of that amount will be distributed between the County and the three cities.

***Motion/Second by Hawbaker/Miller to approve a Resolution as drafted to Implement a 1% Sales and Use Tax to provide for the sale of \$8,800,000 Spalding County, Georgia General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, the approval of a form of such Bonds, the naming of a paying agent, the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, the authorization of the execution and delivery of a custodial agreement, bond purchase agreement and continuing disclosure certificate relating to such bonds and for other purposes. Motion carried unanimously by all.***

William Wilson stated that we have a Work Session set for March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. He requested that the Board have a Special Called meeting to begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup>, to enter into Executive Session to discuss at the acquisition of real estate. He explained that this is for right-of-way needed for the Intersection #2 Project at the Flats.

Consensus of the Board is to set up a Special Called meeting at 9:00 a.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real estate.

## **E. Adjournment**

***Motion/Second by Miller/Ray to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by all.***